Western RTAC State Report 10/12/2007



PHTLS Books

- Kevin Fitzgerald new EMS system manager
- In the past 50 books purchased for each region
- WRTAC books out:
 - Missoula (Don Whalen)
 - Kalispell
 - Butte
- Volunteer to manage books?



Trauma Registry

- Report for the RTAC every 6 months
- Increasing facility participation
 - Paper format





Trauma Facility Designation





- 1 consultation for a hospital remaining
- 9 facilities designated by State
 - 5 with ACS
- Applications for more
- Visited 3 clinics
 - Eureka last
 - Charging issues
- Find the rest



Air Medicine



- Focus on system of care
- Helicopter dispatch guidelines
- Flight protocols
- Packaging
- Other issues as identified
- Start with flight services
- 2008



Senate Joint Resolution 5



Study issues and challenges involving emergency care in Montana



Interim Legislative Committee

Senate Joint Resolution 5

A joint resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana requesting an interim study to identify the issues and challenges involved in providing emergency care and to report on strategies that can strengthen Montana's emergency medical services system.

Interim Legislative Committee Senate Joint Resolution 5

- (1) gather information from stakeholders and customers of the state's emergency care system,
- (2) conduct a statewide assessment of issues that communities face relating to emergency medical services;
- (3) identify challenges to the continued viability of the state's emergency care system; and
- (4) identify objectives and strategies that will help ensure the continued viability of the system.

Interim Legislative Committee Senate Joint Resolution 5

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 61st Legislature.



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June 2007-January 2008:
Compile background information

Several steps that will provide the committee with information on the current system and the concerns of those involved with the system.



June 2007-January 2008: June 2007-January 2008:

Compile background information.

- June 26, 2007 discussed study work plan
- Sept. 24, 2007 presentations by EMSTS, BOME, cities and counties
- Nov. 16, 2007 will be presentations by field providers
- Jan. 25, 2008 will be report by Legislative Audit Division review of EMSTS & EMS

January 25, 2008 - Identify Issues

Review the information compiled to date.

Committee will begin to identify issues it would like to address with further analysis or legislation.



March 2008-August 2008:

Review and decide legislative options.

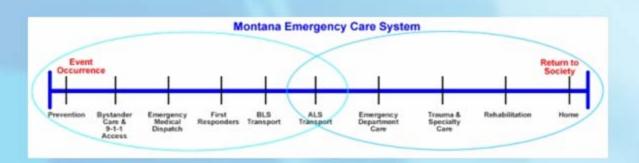
Discuss and act on issues the committee wants to address through the legislative process.



Montana

Emergency Medical Services

A Guide for Elected Officials





http://leg.mt.gov/css/committees/interim/2007_2008/child_fam/



Meeting Schedule and Meeting Materials

Next Meeting: Nov. 16, 2007

Last Meeting: Sept. 24, 2007 - Agenda - News Release - Meeting Audio

Full Meeting Schedule

Staff Offices

Committee Work Plan (Adopted June 26, 2007)



Information and Updates - website

http://MontanaEMS.mt.gov

audio: study plans and reports

Data & Info

Program Info



Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

Committee Website with committee membership and other info; meeting schedules, minutes and

Information and Updates - listserv join-hhs_ems@lists.mt.gov



EMSTS BULLETIN

A Newsletter of the Montana EMS & Trauma Systems Section

• June 2007 •



EMSTS Bulletin – Introductory Edition

Welcome to our introductory edition of the EMSTS Bulletin. Getting current information out to our customers and partners can be challenging. To that end, we've renewed our commitment to keeping our website fresh, complete and up-to-date. Complementing the website, we've created an EMS listserv to enable us to push information out through that medium. While several editions of this newsletter will be distributed both on paper and through the listserv, the goal is to be totally electronic.

Legislative Update

Highlights of some key legislative activities this session include:

HB461 - Cigarette fire safety standards passed & signed by the Governor

An act requiring 'reduced ignition propensity' cigarettes - i.e. requires sale of cigarettes which will self extinguished if not being actively smoked.



